

SON OF 8 FINDS FATHER'S CORPSE

Peter Berdegen, 1895 Ninth-and-a-half Avenue, hangs himself in cellar.

RESPONDENT OVER LACK OF WORK

Gave no intention of intent beyond asking if his Lodge dues had been paid.

Dependent over his inability to work steadily at his trade, Peter Berdegen, 1895 Ninth-and-a-half street, committed suicide today at noon by hanging himself. Berdegen, who has resided at that address for only a few months, was a member of the Rock Island Flue company, and during the slack times this winter and spring has been employed only at irregular intervals. This is the only reason which is ascribed for the act which ended his career.

Berdegen has enjoyed good health, and seemed as usual early today. This morning Berdegen asked his wife if the Lodge dues had been paid. At the time nothing was thought of his question. Since the gruesome discovery which was made at noon today, however, this fact gives weight to the supposition that Berdegen had been contemplating ending his life.

Found by Little Son.

At noon today, little Clifford, 8-year-old son of the deceased, went into the cellar of the home, and was startled to see his father suspended in mid-air by a short rope, tied to the beam overhead. When the body was cut down he was not yet extinct. Elmer Lindsey, a neighbor residing at 1818 Tenth street, and Mr. Bill Bradford, who was called, worked for half an hour to resuscitate the man but without success.

Mr. Berdegen was born in Moline in 1866, and resided in that city until three years ago when he moved to Rock Island. While per living in his native town he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Johnson on June 15, 1886. Four children resulted from this marriage, two boys and two girls, Lucille, Myrtle, Clifford and Kenneth. Both wife and children survive. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

WOMEN ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Information charging Rebekah Baker with keeping a house for immoral purposes and for keeping a house of ill fame were sworn out in county court this morning. The defendant was taken before Judge N. A. Larson. Bond was fixed in each instance at \$500, the surety for the first case being Herman Sturm and Hyman Eller and Herman Sturm and Jennie Sturm in the second.

Bonnie Earle was also charged with keeping a house of ill fame and bond was fixed at \$500 with Herman Sturm and Rebekah Baker as surety.

ABRUZZI'S ROMANCE RECALLED BY WAR



APPROPRIATIONS CUT BY COUNCIL

Moline Commissioners Provide for Widening of Fifth Avenue and Improvement of Playgrounds.

SMALL AMOUNT FOR BOND ISSUES

Decrease in Total Estimate of Expenditure Made Possible by Small Sinking Fund.

City council of Moline today passed an appropriation ordinance which provides for the expenditure of \$396,504.97 during the ensuing 12 months. The appropriation ordinance for the year ending April 1, 1915, made provision for the total expenditure of \$476,773.82.

The cost of widening Fifth avenue is provided for by the ordinance as read for the first time this morning. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$16,881.14. An appropriation of \$40,100.00 for general park purposes also includes the \$15,000 which will be devoted to the improvement of the Browning athletic field and playground. The amount of \$21,000 was appropriated for park purposes last year.

Few Bonds Mature.

The lower appropriation of this year is result of the city having to meet fewer bonds during the year.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Katherine Elkins Hitt.

Washington, D. C., June 12.—More than a touch of personal interest attaches to Italy's advent into the war in the minds of Washington people, indeed of society folk all over the country, by reason of the wide acquaintance of the Duke of the Abruzzi in command of the Italian naval forces, among Americans of the elect who spend more or less time in Europe.

Too familiar in need retelling is the story of his romance with an American girl, handsome Katherine Elkins, daughter of the late Stephen H. Elkins of West Virginia and now Mrs. "Polly" Hitt, which only the stern laws which govern the marriage of princes and members of the reigning family prevented from reaching a happy conclusion.

And, although happily married, Mrs. Hitt will doubtless watch with keen interest the fortunes of the Italian naval forces, to say nothing of the host of American girls who have a tender place in their hearts for the young man who made such a hit in America as has not been paralleled by any species of royalty since the late King Edward, then Prince of Wales, toured this country.

John T. Hitt, 58 and for 31 years a resident of Rock Island county, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home in Coal Valley. Death came as a result of the infirmities of age.

Mr. Hitt was born Aug. 12, 1824, in Mecklenburg, Straits, Germany. He came to Rock Island in December of 1854 and resided here till 1861 when he removed to Coal Valley, which place he had since made his home. After removing to Coal Valley he worked for a number of years on the Rock Island & Peoria as fireman. Later he operated a brick plant till about four years ago when he retired. He was a member of the A. O. U. W.

Hass was married in Germany to Miss Wilhelmina Berger. Mrs. Hass died in Coal Valley July 7, 1887. Left to mourn the loss of their father are Robert of Coal Valley, Fred of Lenox, Iowa, and Mrs. William Franing of Rural. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday in the home and burial will be in the Coal Valley cemetery.

FUNERAL OF CLARENCE NEWTON.

The funeral services of Clarence Newton were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dixon & Mueller undertaking establishment. The local series of Exiles, of which Newton was a member, had charge of the services. Burial was in Chippewa cemetery.

FUNERAL OF FRANK MILLER.

The funeral of Frank Miller will be held from the Dixon & Mueller undertaking establishment Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Miller has no relatives in this city and the remains will be interred in the county burial lot.

STUART MC COY.

Stuart McCoy, 2821 Twenty-third avenue, Moline, died at 11:10 last evening, his passing following an illness of over a year.

McCoy was born in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Aug. 13, 1887. When 16 years old he came to Illinois and for a number of years was in the employ of the city of Moline as a teamster.

He was married in this city Nov. 3, 1909, to Nora Jers, who survives. In addition to the widow two children and one brother and one sister are left to mourn. The brother is Albert of Mt. Vernon, while Mrs. H. J. Main of Moline is the sister.

MRS. LAURETTA TURNER.

The death of Mrs. Laurettta Turner, born on April 7, 1837, occurred early this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Thomas, 213 Eleventh street. Mrs. Turner has been ill for two weeks with a complication of disease.

Mrs. Turner was born in Germany and moved to this country at the age of 9, spending the first few years of her life in this country in Pennsylvania. There she was wedded to Mr. Jones, at the age of 16. Her first husband lost his life in the gold fields, and seven years later she was wedded to Samuel Turner, at Lancaster, Wis. Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by her husband about 10 years. Two months ago Mrs. Turner came from Wisconsin to this city, and since that time has made her home with her daughter.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. Thomas of this city, and Mrs. Emma Heimel of Omaha, and two sons, Frank and Will, both of Lancaster, Wis.

MRS. ELIA WILSON LOCKHART.

Death called Mrs. Elia Wilson Lockhart last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Miss Blanche Wilson, 519 Eighteenth street. Mrs. Lockhart, who was born in Cedar Rapids on Oct. 3, 1865, had lived in that city all her life. Five weeks ago deceased came to this city to visit her daughter, Miss Wilson, and after spending a week in this city, was suddenly taken ill with a complication of diseases.

Miss Barbara Free went to Rock Island Wednesday.

Martine Lee of Rock Island is spending a few days visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stumpo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Coolidge and daughter, Inez, of Davenport, visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emily Curtis.

Lawrence Spickler, who is attending the soldiers' school at Rock Island arsenal, spent Sunday at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Anna Spickler. Henry Stroop of Carbon Cliff visited Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stroop.

Mrs. E. McNamee of Fairport called on friends here Tuesday.

INJURY FATAL TO ROCK ISLAND MAN

Eugene Battesfore, One Time Member of the Fire Department, Succumbs After Accident.

Eugene Battesfore, Rock Island man who was fatally injured Thursday night in a barn at the rear of 831 Eighteenth avenue, East Moline, when kicked on the head by a horse, died shortly before noon today at the Moline city hospital. Battesfore, aged 65, was at one time a member of the Rock Island fire department. He and his son had been working as teamsters on an East Moline paving job.

The men were in the habit of occasionally spending a night in the barn in which they kept their horses. Thursday night the son awoke at midnight to find his father unconscious. Battesfore's head was laid open from forehead to a spot back of his left ear by the blow from the horse's hoof and his brain was exposed by the fracture.

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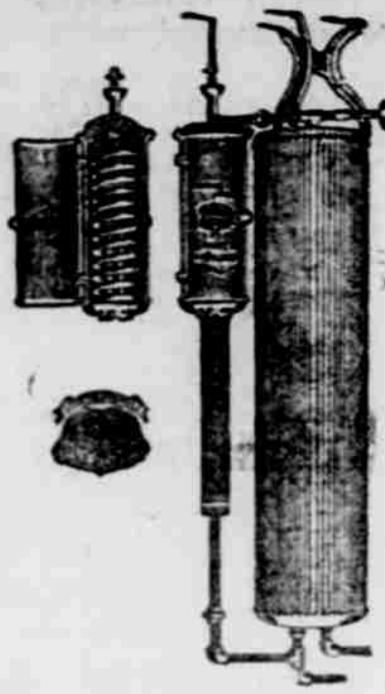
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NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR ARRIVES

Rev. Frank Cleary succeeds Rev. Francis Parke as Priest at St. Joseph's Church.

Rev. Francis Parke, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's church, has been transferred to Galesburg, where he will act as assistant to Dean Costa, veteran priest of the community. He is succeeded by Rev. Frank Cleary, who has been serving at Rantoul.

Rev. Mr. Cleary arrived in the city last evening to assume his new work. He is a brother of Rev. William Cleary, Danville, who formerly assisted Dean J. J. Quinn, and has many friends here. Father Parke formed a wide acquaintance while in Rock Island and his departure will be regretted. Father Cleary comes to the city highly recommended and a cordial welcome is accorded him.

AID THOMPSON IN ANNEXATION CASE

Southwest Improvement Association Passes Resolutions Commending Course in Court Action.

Resolutions commanding State's Attorney Floyd E. Thompson in his fight on the annexation case and that of the local board of improvements in providing for brick paving on Ninth street were unanimously passed by the Southwest Improvement association at a meeting held last night at the old town hall at Center Station. The resolutions were prepared by a committee consisting of Charles Guidenopf and C. H. Dibbren and were worded as follows:

Resolved, That we, the Southwest Improvement association, hereby approve the action of State's Attorney Floyd E. Thompson in refusing to sign a quo warrant and command him for his action in the matter regarding the annexation question.

Resolved, That we, the Southwest Improvement association, hereby express our appreciation in action taken by the local board of improvements, and in behalf of this association commend them in granting the wishes of the majority of the property owners on Ninth street in selecting brick for the paving of same.

These two questions were thoroughly discussed. Outside of other routine business no other questions came up during the session. The association will meet again in two weeks.

MURDER VERDICT IN NILSON CASE

Coroner's Jury Finally Closes Inquest Over the Man Whose Rat-Eaten Body Was Found Feb. 7.

We the jury sworn to inquire into the death of Gust Nilson, find that he came to his death from wounds inflicted in the throat by some sharp instrument in the hands of party or parties unknown to the jury.

The above verdict was reached at the conclusion of the hearing at the court house this morning by Coroner R. C. Meyer. The rat eaten body of Gust Nilson, a farm hand, 75 years of age, who disappeared from Taylor Ridge last December, was found on the morning of Feb. 7 in the deserted Case barn at Twelfth street and Eighteenth avenue, by Henry Roggenkamp and Victor Engels. The man had been dead several days, and his head and neck had been mutilated by rodents. The only weapon found in the barn was a small pocket knife with the blade closed. Coroner Meyer advanced the murder theory from the first, as Nilson was known to have carried a sum of money when he disappeared.

Coroner Meyer stated this morning that he delayed the inquest for four months to allow the sheriff's office ample time to investigate, but no clues of value were ever found. Dr. Meyer stated that he had several cases of this nature in the past that required the services of an experienced detective and has recommended to the supervisors that a man for this work be hired by the county.

The first dance of the season was held at the Watch Tower last night. Miss Anna Frysinger entertained.

Contractor Schnell is making preparations for the removal of the electric light tower at the corner of Seventeenth street and Second avenue.

A two-story dwelling on the corner of E. Tindall, four miles south of Milan, was destroyed by fire.

June 6—The 26th annual commencement exercises were held yesterday afternoon at Augustana college. There were 35 graduates.

Miss C. M. Briggs, who resides as assistant principal at the high school today, was presented with a handsome gold watch by the pupils.

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Four children were drowned in the Mississippi river near Rapids City yesterday when a boat capsized.

June 10—The republican county convention was held yesterday at the court house.

Miss Anna McConochie of Chicago is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mayor William McConochie.

June 11—Mrs. H. C. Cleaveland left this afternoon for Galesburg to attend the commencement exercises at Knox college. Her son, Harry, graduated tomorrow.

June 12—The Mercy hospital in Davenport was destroyed by flames early this morning. Sister Mary Irene, one of the attendants, being smothered to death. The loss is placed at \$10,000.

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